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1. A detachment of Border Guards from the Petrich Border Guard Otryad came to Petrovo in June or July 1952 and organized regular ambushes for a week. They were carried out in the area due southwest from the line connecting the water mill in "Izvara" locality (N 41-24, E 23-34) and the "Potogena" locality (N 41-24, E 23-35) and in the forest that stretches south from this point. A civilian intruder was captured during one of those ambushes and brought to the Komandatura in Petrovo.

2. An airplane of unidentified nationality flew over Petrovo into Bulgarian territory one evening in April 1953. For this reason, on the following day a detachment of about 200 Border Guards came to Petrovo in trucks from Petrich and in three separate groups searched for dropped parachutists. One of the groups searched the "Kaf'ovata Mill" (N 41-25, E 23-31) to the small and large Gulak peaks (N 41-25, E 23-33), while the second group searched the "Kavaritsa" area toward "Golatsite". The third group combed the "Shavara" (N 41-25, E 23-32) area to "Golatsite."

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The group for assistance from Petrovo did not take part in this action. [redacted] the Border Guards were led by Senior Lieutenant Kostov, who until spring 1953, was commanding officer of the "Mir" Komandatura in Petrovo when he was transferred to Petrich.

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